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**ROSS, HIGGINS & CO.****Local Brevities.**

The Methodist Year Book for 1904 reports a gain of nearly 1000 churches during the last year.

Lost—A black feather boa, between Fourteenth street and the depot. Return to S. Danziger & Co.'s store.

The improvements made in the Eastern candy store during the past

few weeks give an attractive appearance. The ice cream parlor will be open Saturday.

Lost.—Gold bead necklace. Somewhere on Ninth street or on business streets. Finder return to The Astorian office and receive suitable reward.

The store room in the Flavel brick has been leased to the Magnet Clothing Company of Portland, which will open in a few days with a full line of

clothing, furnishing goods, hats caps, boots and shoes.

Articles admitted to the United States free of duty make up 45 per cent in value of the imports.

Mrs. A. Zaloff has opened a millinery shop opposite the Commercial Club on Bond street, and ladies looking for fine headwear would do well to call on her and inspect the stock.

Very few fish are being caught and those taken are small. Practically no cold storage fish at all are brought in by the fishermen. The salmon, however, are of the best quality, for canning purposes, being of a firm healthy appearance. All the canneries in the city are in operation, but of necessity are not running to full capacity. The men are using small mesh nets and will continue to do so until there is some indication that a run of larger fish enters the river.

Mrs. Y. Friedman, at one time a resident of this city, but who has for some years lived at Salem, is dangerously ill, the physicians, in fact, having given up all hope of saving her life. Mr. Friedman was a merchant in Astoria at one time, his place of business being where Frank Hart's drug store is now located. He moved to Salem 12 years ago and since that time has been prominent in business circles there. Mrs. Friedman has many friends here who will regret to learn of her precarious condition.

The county clerk's office will be open tonight after the usual time of closing for the benefit of those who are unable to register during the day. Up to date about 1200 voters have observed the necessary formality and it is suggested to those who have thus far neglected doing so proceed to get a hurry on. It was supposed that after the two parties met and put up their tickets that the candidates would at once get busy and get their followers into line, but there has been little of this rustling done so far.

At the meeting of the council Monday evening the following claims were ordered paid: Olef Anderson, \$5; News, \$56.46; Andrew Anderson, \$1; J. N. Griffin, \$5.80; J. Svensen, \$5.40; Astoria Electric Co., \$5.95; Fisher Bros. Co., \$59.09; Prael & Cook Co., \$22.50; Astoria Box Co., \$14.92; Uppertown Transfer Co., \$4.50; Clatsop Mill Co., \$32.35; Andrew Asp, \$2.75; O. Peterson, \$65.85; Owl Drug Co., \$1.85; A. A. Sickau, \$24.50; S. Elmore, \$15; B. F. Allen, \$2.50; A. D. Craig, 55 cents; Johnson Bros., \$3; Scholfield & Hauke, \$5.35; Holmes & Selbert, \$14.75.

Ten-year-old Mary Ivanhoff, a mute child, was taken to Salem last night for the purpose of being enrolled at the deaf and dumb institute. The condition of the little girl was brought to the attention of the county officials some day ago by the office employees of the Hume mill, and arrangements were at once made to send the unfortunate child to Salem. Mrs. Gearhart, who is a prominent member of the W. C. T. U., acted as her protector en route. Mary is a sweet faced child and gives evidence of being particularly intelligent. Those who are interested in her welfare are of the opinion that she will make rapid progress at the school.

The police made a haul last night when the train reached the city from Portland, in the shape of four hoboes, who rode into the city without having gone through the formality of paying their fare. They saw the officers waiting for them before the train came to a full stop and attempted to make a getaway by jumping from the moving cars and taking to their heels. They were rounded up in short order, however, and the four of them were escorted to the city jail. Today they will be given the opportunity of departing the way they came, or any other old way they might see fit to adopt. In any case their sojourn in the city is calculated to be brief.

Weideman's big repertoire and vaudeville company open their week's engagement at Fisher's opera house next Monday evening. The acting company is the same as last year, with the addition of Mr. Fanning, late of the Baker Christian Company. He is a young leading man who has held engagements with the best eastern attractions. Mr. Wiedemann will present

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during the week some of the leading successes, that have never been seen on the coast at cheap prices. The opening bill is the 4 act story of southern Illinois, "Down in Egypt." There is a portion of Illinois known as "Egypt" and Mr. Wiedemann has constructed a play that is a companion to the well known success, "In Old Kentucky," and bids fair to be popular. The vaudeville people, Nellie Wiedemann, Pickett & Whipper, Ben Brown, and Chris. Allen all have a melange of new acts to present between acts. The prices of this engagement is 25 and 35 cents. The sale of seats opens at Griffin's book store Saturday morning.

The master of the schooner Samar, which is in the river to take on a load of lumber, reports that there is confidence among the people of the orient in the ultimate victory of the Japanese arms. The Samar came direct from Shanghai, so the best and latest information to be had direct from the scene of the conflict is held by the observing officers of the vessel. The captain in speaking of the conflict yesterday delivered himself of the opinion that there is no doubt that Japan will defeat Russia. The determination displayed by the oriental people, the fact that they are fighting at home, and the important circumstance daily becoming more evident that preparations have been going on for years for just such a war as the present one, all contribute to the belief that she can not but whip her big foe. This is the general opinion held, and it is freely expressed that it will not be long before Russia is whipped on both land and sea.

The council Monday evening authorized the purchase of a team of horses for No. 1 hose company, the price to be paid not to exceed \$425. Authority was given the fire and water committee to sell the roan team for not less than \$300. Other ordinances that were introduced, carried to a third reading and passed under a suspension of rules as follows: Re-establishing the grade on Duane street from the west line of Shively's to Seventeenth street; extending the time for completing the improvement of Sixteenth street, between Commercial and Irving; of Exchange, between Fourteenth and Seventeenth, and of Franklin, between Ninth and Twelfth to June 1; establishing the grade on Thirty-sixth street, between Franklin and Duane; re-establishing the grade on Commercial street, between Forty-fourth and Forty-fifth; establishing the grade on Forty-fourth street, between Duane and Commercial; establishing the grade on Duane street, between Forty-third and Forty-fourth.

Sheriff Linville received information from Seattle that Frank Huffman, wanted in Cathlamet for a brutal assault made upon an old woman two years ago, was in custody in the sound city. The assault case was a particularly brutal one and attracted wide attention at the time of its commission because of its diabolical features. It appears that Huffman had gotten into trouble over something or other and his case was tried out in the courts. A witness whose testimony militated against the defendant was an elderly woman residing at Cathlamet, and in a spirit of revenge Huffman later attacked her. He beat his victim into insensibility and then fled. When found the woman was nearly dead but revived sufficiently to give the name of her assailant and at once hunt for the man was begun. Every effort to locate the miscreant proved futile, however, but the Washington officers kept the case in mind with the result that the fugitive has at last been caught and will be turned over to the proper authorities, who will doubtless mete out the justice long over due.

**PERSONAL MENTION.**

Hon. J. H. Smith and Mrs. Smith went to Portland last night.

C. S. Dow was in the city yesterday from his home on the Lewis and Clark.

M. J. Kinney returned to Portland last night after a brief business visit in the city.

George C. Nicolas, state manager of the Norris Safe and Lock Company of Seattle, is in the city.

Judge J. T. Lighter, who has been on a visit to Fort Stevens, has returned to his Portland home.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Campbell are at Hot Lake where they went for the benefit of Mrs. Campbell's health.

Detective Sam Simmons is in the city from Portland.

Mrs. V. H. Chastain, of Milton, grand chief of the Rathbone Sisters is in the city paying a fraternal visit. Mrs. Chastain will be the guest of honor at the meeting of the lodge this evening.

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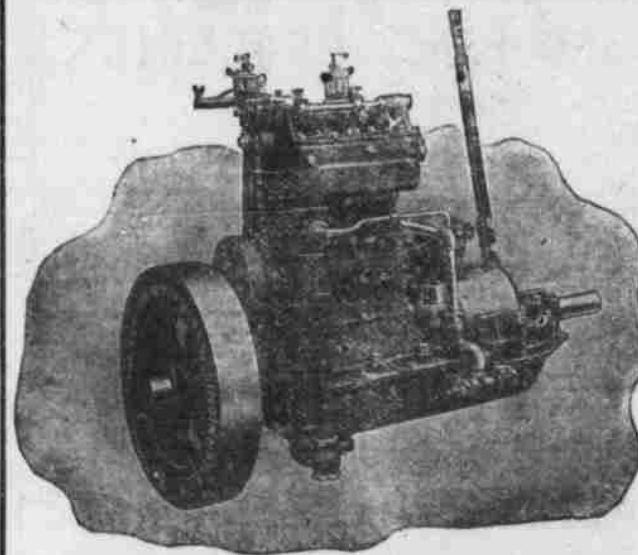
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